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SUBJECT: U.S. RECOGNITION OF TRAVEL DOCUMENT ISSUED BY THE
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

1. THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES (OAS) TO RECOGNIZE AS A BONA FIDE TRAVEL DOCUMENT A PASSPORT ISSUED BY THE OAS TO ALL EMPLOYEES OF THAT ORGANIZATION. THE OAS PASSPORT APPARENTLY OMITTS CERTAIN DESCRIPTIVE DATA OF THE BEARER, E.G., PLACE OF BIRTH AND NATIONALITY. THE BELGIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IS CURRENTLY CONSULTING WITH OTHER INTERESTED AGENCIES OF THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT BEFORE MAKING A FINAL DECISION ON WHETHER OR NOT TO ACCEPT THE OAS PASSPORT AS A VALID TRAVEL DOCUMENT. BEFORE THE FINAL DECISION IS MADE, THE MINISTRY WISHES TO KNOW IF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES THE OAS PASSPORT.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: AT THE SPECIFIC REQUEST OF THE BELGIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THE DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO INFORM THE EMBASSY IF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS THE OAS PASSPORT AS A BONA FIDE TRAVEL DOCUMENT. FIRESTONE

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